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"Semper Vigilans!"

SPRING 2009

WING CALENDAR

LtC Lesley M. Lara
CAP Executive Administrator

APRIL

- 2 NHDES/CAP Planning Mtg.
- 11 NCO Leadership Staff Tng.
- 15 Commander's Call 1900 HQ
VT Yankee Drill
- 18-19 SMC Course Mgt
- 24-25 Hidden Valley cabins GTT
- 25 SAREX—Keene tentative
- 30 NHDES/CAP Planning Mtg.

MAY

- 2 NHW Rocket Competition NHTI
- 3 Rocket Comp alternate date
- 4-8 NER Chaplain Staff College
- 9-10 Corp. Learning Course
- 13 NHDES/CAP Exercise
- 16 NCO Leadership Academy
- 20 Commander's Call 1900 HQ
- 21-24 NER SARCOMP Westover

JUNE

- 10 VT Yankee Exercise
- 17 Commander's Call 1900 HQ
- 20 SAREX Nashua
- 27 NCO Leadership Staff Tng.

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"SEMPERVIGILANS"

COMMANDERS CORNER

Col Donald C. Davidson, Commander

As you know, these past 3 months have been awful as far as weather is concerned but your Wing compiled excellent flight hours despite the conditions. The total for the Months of December, January and February were above what we normally do during these winter months. PLEASE keep up the flying hours!

In February, I travelled to Washington, DC to attend the Winter Board meeting of CAP. A number of issues were discussed at length before being voted upon. These items and issues will be disseminated to everyone during the upcoming months.

Also during the board meeting, rather difficult discussions were held regarding several complaints that have been filed against our National Commander. I was very involved in the internal/closed debate on these issues and I feel comfortable that the end result of our discussions, deliberations and motions will benefit the entire organization. Meanwhile, General Courter is carrying on as she should, and is continuing to perform in an excellent manner as our National leader.

In May, the NER will again conduct a regional SARCOMP between all Wings of the NER. Your Wing is planning to participate as we did in 2007 and fully expects to "bring home the bacon" this time. During the last contest, your NH Wing came in second in a very close contest!

Our Cadet Encampment will again be held this year on the grounds of Norwich University in Vermont. Our 2 year relationship with this school has been magnificent and every member who has thus far participated, both Senior and Cadet, has come away with a true sense of enjoyment and accomplishment. We are truly privileged to have such a relationship with this premier institution.

Thank you all for your contribution to our Wing and Organization. You are the reason that CAP is respected by all of the agencies that call on us to perform our "Missions for America".

AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

SPAATZ AWARD

Vincent vanDintel	Highlanders
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EAKER AWARD

Liam Smedley	Monadnock
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MITCHELL AWARD

Kyle Jepsen	Hawk
Julian Davila	Seacoast
Meredith Leno	Highlanders

CONCORD

Benjamin Loll	C/SMSgt
Frederick Dowd	C/TSgt
Arthur Gould	C/SSgt
Jack Brown	C/SSgt
Nathan Jones	C/SrA
Jordan Loll	C/A1C
Brock Allen	C/A1C
Michael Langlais	C/A1C
Jake Dowd	C/Amn
Thomas Souryavong	C/Amn
James Powers	C/Amn
Emily Langlais	C/Amn
Ethan Kenison	C/Amn
Beau Deveau	C/Amn
Samuel Case	C/Amn
Ryan Ehrlich	C/Amn
Ben Owen	C/Amn
Connor Anderson	C/Amn
Scott Laboe	C/Amn
Abigail Lambert	C/Amn
Sam Nichols	C/Amn
Ida Sachett	C/Amn

HAWK

Max Haas	C/Capt
Kyle Jepsen	C/2Lt
Mark Chapmen	C/MSgt
Douglas Driscoll	C/MSgt
Joseph Hoehn	C/SSgt
Daniel Powell	C/SrA
Gracia Woodman	C/A1C
Eric VanDenBerghe	C/Amn

HIGHLANDERS

Vincent van Dintel	C/Col
Meredith Leno	C/2Lt
Eric Parent	C/CMSgt
Ian Souders	C/CMSgt
Colin Bartlett	C/SMSgt
Kestrel Cole-McCrea	C/A1C
Alan Clement	C/A1C

LEBANON

Kristin Garcia	C/CMSgt
Noah Johnson	C/SMSgt
Christian Brechbul	C/MSgt
James Bassette	C/MSgt
Christopher Kondi	C/TSgt
Benjamin Stillman	C/SSgt
Andrew Word	C/SrA
Zachariah Brown	C/A1C
Mateo Melendy	C/A1C
Connor Gavell	C/Amn

MONADNOCK

Liam Smedley	C/LTC
Joshua McGarvey	C/CMSgt
Ivan Somero	C/CMSgt
Adam Somero	C/TSgt
Travis Somero	C/SSgt
Cotton Seppala	C/Amn
Dwayne West	C/Amn

NASHUA

Christopher Clarkson	C/2Lt
John Keisling	C/CMSgt
Patrick Kennedy	C/SMSgt
Aleksandr Hosage	C/SMSgt
Ross Lannin	C/A1C
Ryan Sullivan	C/Amn

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SQUADRON NEWS

Submitted by Individual Units



CONCORD SQUADRON

Ltc. Darin Ninness has turned Squadron Commander duties over to Maj. Mark Varney. An open house was held with informational presentation followed by a drill demonstration and refreshments yielding potential of 10-12 new cadets. Eighteen cadets and five seniors enjoyed a night of indoor skydiving at Sky Venture in Nashua. Each member went inside, flying for 1 minute with two turns in the tunnel. Maj. Varney has “gone to jail” to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy.

GREATER NASHUA SQUADRON

Due to work constraints Maj. Sam Herr has turned squadron commander duties over to 1Lt Kevin Stavley. 2Lt Tim Johnson has received his Yeager Award.

HAWK SQUADRON

Hawk Squadron members have been keeping busy with a trip to the remodeled Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord. A tubing night was held in February with 40 cadets and seniors. A new cadet training flight has 8 cadets with four to get Curry awards soon. Plans are to have several model rocketry weekends along with trips to the Boston Museum of Science and Battleship Cove.

HIGHLANDERS SQUADRON

Squadron members had a joint bivouac with Seacoast in February. Events included capture-the-glow stick in bright cold moonlight and a line search in 3 ½ feet of snow. Snowshoes ruled! They had a pancake and sausage breakfast the next morning. A laser tag event had 22 persons attending and senior members had the most fun. Seniors Branyen, Behr and Buck helped Maj. Barrington. Four qualified ground team members attended the Lebanon SAREX and stayed over Friday night. The next day they did a four mile hike in and found their “targets” by 1430 hours. Plans are to go to Battleship Cove in April and Cape Cod in May.

LEBANON SQUADRON

Cadets took a trip to the NE Air Museum in Connecticut in January with Lt Brian George and three other seniors. They had a private tour of the facility. The museum has a special CAP display. The squadron participated in a February SAREX mission in conjunction with the DHART medivac helicopter at night. The objective was to search for downed helicopter with signal flares and a campfire to signal location of downed crew. A winter exercise at the Wing SAREX in February had ground teams deployed to the Dartmouth cabin in the woods. An open house was held on March 9th with use of a flight simulator mock up the squadron has had for many years powered by an old computer and a wind tunnel demonstration. In late February a fire destroyed the old squadron headquarters at Lebanon Airport. It had been abandoned back in the 1990s. The squadron hosted another SAREX in late February with base camp located in Lyme. Squadron members received the American Red Cross basic first aid course recently.

MONADNOCK SQUADRON

Cadet Ltc Liam Smedley has been accepted to the USAF Academy.

SEACOAST SQUADRON

The monthly pilot's meetings continue on the first Thursday of each month. The February meeting dealt with a training matrix for squadron pilots. The squadron received the Annual Best Booth Award from the NHANG Family Readiness Program for their foam rocket booth at the December ANG Winter Carnival. This is the first year the award has gone to a group outside of NHANG. The squadron has participated in the carnival the last three years and was also commended by Col Martell for their work with dependents of NHANG personnel at this event. Lt. Hockhausen has involved members in a fundraising to assist cadets with encampment costs. Several perspective members have attended recent meetings and one new senior member has joined. With Cadet Davila's promotion to 2nd Lt the squadron now has two active cadet officers. Cadet Jean Luc Comtois received Cadet of the Quarter recognition for the first quarter of 2009. Maj. Goupil received his Garber award at Commanders Call in March. Capt Steve McRae received the Benjamin O. Davis leadership award. Some of the cadets and seniors are going to the New England Air Museum in CT on March 29th.



Seacoast Squadron Members with NHANG Winter Carnival Best Booth Award

2009 GLIDER PROGRAM

With spring arriving it is time to think about the glider program once again. Plans are to start in early May for glider flights at Springfield, VT. Late April will be devoted to getting the glider back together and completing the annual inspection. There will be signups available for most Saturdays when there is no conflict with wing SAREXs, encampment and other events. Of course the weather will be the final determinant of when we will actually fly. Watch for the schedule to be posted and sign up. First come, first served!! The brochure regarding this summer's Glider Academy has been sent to all squadron commanders and a copy is posted on the wing website and at WGHQ. Dates will be 19-24 July at VSF. There are other glider encampments available in the NER--- PA from 27 Jun to 5 July and in New Jersey from 15-19 July. An online search can reveal others throughout the country. For more information contact Col Dale Hardy at 603 659-6292 or dvh1938@comcast.net.

2009 UNIT COMMANDERS COURSE

The following members completed the 2009 Unit Commanders Course taught by Capt Robert Gilbert: Robert Godin, Blain Cote, Jillian Smith, Jason Smith, Mary Ann Croker and Dominic Goupil from Seacoast Composite Squadron. Timothy Johnson and Kevin Stavley from Nashua, Bob Gilbert from Highlanders and Eric Perron from Hawk Squadron. Congratulations!!

COL ALBERT J. SAMBOLD MEMORIAL SOLO SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to C/Col Shane Bellingham of Manchester Cadet Squadron who is the recipient of the 2009 Col Albert J Sambold Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was established in memory of Col Al Sambold a former NH Wing Commander, who loved flying and involving others in flying. He was an avid supporter of aviation, the cadet program and aerospace education. The scholarship is awarded annually to a deserving NH Wing cadet who is working to obtain a powered or un-powered rating. The amount awarded will not exceed \$500 annually and must be expended within 24 months of award date.

PROMOTIONS CONT.

SEACOAST

Alicia Hagman	C/1 Lt
Julian Davila	C/2Lt
Brandon Patterson	C/MSgt
Michelle Wegman	C/MSgt
Rachel Hockhousen	C/MSgt
Jon Luc Comtois	C/TSgt
Adam Parent	C/SSgt
Joshua Grant	C/SrA
Matthew Piazza	C/SrA
R. LeRoy Hutton	C/SrA
Hannah Azotea	C/A1C
Thomas Cifrino	C/A1C
John Colford	C/A1C
Cristian Davila	C/A1C
Justin Lareaux	C/Amn

SENIOR MEMBERS

Lynda Loll	2 Lt
Preston Lawrance	2 Lt
Robert Godin	1 Lt
Steve McRae	Capt
Jillian Smith	Maj

From the Chaplain's Desk:

Spring is about to burst out in all its splendor and glory. It's a wonderful time of the year with its promise of new birth, new beginnings and renewal.

I wish to congratulate Preston Lawrance as he received his specialty designation as a Moral Leadership Officer. Actually, if one looks closely at his designation it is listed as a "Character Development Instructor." We have been hearing through the back channels that the "MLO's" would become "CDI's." The term Character Development is being used now by CAP because many school districts across the nation are including "Character Development" in their curricula. So, not to add to any confusion about CAP's Moral Leadership program when these children become cadets, CAP has decided to use the same nomenclature. The new Chaplain Service Regulation should be published this coming summer and clear up any questions we might have.

By the way, with the new Chaplain Service Regulation, the CAP Chaplain Service will become known as the CAP Chaplain Corps.

The 2009 Northeast Region Chaplain Service Staff College for all CAP Chaplains and MLO's (CDI's) will be held jointly with the Great Lakes Region at the Hope Hotel at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OHIO. It will be held May 4-8 and is entitled: "*Equipping the Chaplain for Emergency Service*." For additional information contact our region Chaplain, Lt. Col. Van Don Williams at Nerchapvan1@aol.com.

I trust all Wing Chaplains and CDI's will plan to attend our Wing Conference in September. I will be leading a Chaplain Service Forum for all Wing chaplains and MLO's in regard to the updated Chaplain Service regulations, what the new CDI specialty entails, professional development of chaplains and MLO's and the requirements for certification for membership on the NH Wing Critical Incident Stress Team (CIST). The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) training required for team membership is powerful and timely and fits in so well with the work of chaplains and MLO's.

**Have a Blessed Day.
Ch. Maj. Cliff Vendt**

